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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to Applicants response to restriction requirement filed 2-07-03. Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1-5 in Paper No. 8 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the claims of Groups II through V are all directed at methods of use, particularly in treating a disorder with hesperitin compounds and because even if the claims of Group I are independent and patentably distinct from the claims of Groups II-V, Applicants submit that the subject matter of Groups I through V are so closely related that division of the claims into separate groups would result in duplication of effort by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. This is not found persuasive because each group in the restriction requirement represents a discrete invention. Group I differs from Groups II-V because Group I is drawn to compounds and a composition while Groups II-V are drawn to methods of use. Groups II, III, IV, and V differ from each other because each Group is drawn to a different method of use. Accordingly, the unity of invention is considered to be lacking and restriction of the invention in accordance with the rules of unity of invention is considered to be proper. Further, the Examiner must perform an online database search as well as a paper literature search. Not to restrict the invention would constitute an undue burden on the examiner.

Election/Restrictions

Upon further consideration, further restriction of Group I, claims 1-5, is required.

Due to the widely divergent meanings of variables R and R1, a precise listing of inventive groups cannot be made. The following groups are exemplary:

Group I claims 1 and 4, drawn to compounds wherein R is -H- and R1 is a phosphate group classified in class 549 and subclass 216+.

Group II claims 1 and 4 drawn to compounds wherein R is a sulfuric acid group and R1 is -H-, classified in class 549 and subclass 356+.

Group III claims 2, 3, and 5 drawn to compounds wherein R is a palmitate group and R1 is -H-, classified in class 549, and subclass 381+.

Group IV claims 2, 3, and 5 drawn to compounds wherein R is -H- group and R1 is a stearate group, classified in class 549, and subclass 381+.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. Again, this list is not exhaustive as it would be impossible under the time constraints due to the sheer volume of subject matter instantly claimed. Therefore, Applicant may choose to elect a single invention by identifying another specific embodiment not listed in the exemplary groups of the invention and examiner will endeavor to group the same.

Upon the election of one of the above groups, a generic concept inclusive of the elected group will be identified for examination.

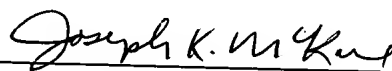
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sonya Wright, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (703) 308-4537. The Unofficial fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-7922. The Official fax phone numbers for this Group are (703) 308-4556 or 305-3592.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph K. McKane", positioned above a horizontal line.

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